

**MINUTES**  
**SOUTH CAROLINA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION**  
**April 24, 2014**  
**9:00 a.m., West Columbia, South Carolina**

**Commission Members in Attendance**

Delphin A. Gantt, Jr., Chairman At-large  
George P. Waters, District 1  
Frank W. Young, District 2  
Matthew J. Kappel, District 4  
William C. "Bill" VanAntwerp, District 5  
Carroll W. Joye, District 6  
Gerald E. Harmon, M.D., District 7

**Aeronautics Staff in Attendance**

Paul G. Werts, Executive Director  
James Stephens, Program Manager  
Revé Richardson, Recording Secretary  
Melody Mikell, Accountant & Grants Administrator

**Commission Member(s) Absent**

John R. Hunt, M.D., District 3

**Visitors:**

Bud Coward, Past SCAC Commissioner  
Ken Holt, Holt Consulting Co.

**Visitors (Cont'd)**

Don Purcell, SC Aviation Association (SCAA)  
John Hodge, Esq., John Hodge & Associates

**Welcome & Call to Order**

**Chairman Gantt** called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and announced a quorum in attendance. He welcomed everyone and requested **Commissioner VanAntwerp** give the invocation. **Chairman Gantt** welcomed our guests and requested Mr. Werts make the introductions. **Chairman Gantt** stated he had seen an article about the playgrounds in Greenville on *Your Weekly Guide to THAT Greenville* and the Greenville Airport Park was recognized as number four in the top five parks in Greenville.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Chairman Gantt** presented the minutes of the March 27, 2014 Commission meeting and asked if anyone had any edits or corrections. Since none were forthcoming, the minutes were approved as written.

**Election of Officers**

**Chairman Gantt** requested nominations for the office of Vice-Chairman. **Commissioner Harmon** nominated **Commissioner Kappel** as Vice-Chairman and hearing no further nominations; **Chairman Gantt** asked if all were in favor and by unanimous vote all approved his election. **Chairman Gantt** requested nominations for the office of Secretary. **Vice-Chairman Kappel** nominated **Commissioner Harmon** for the office of Secretary and hearing no further nominations; **Chairman Gantt** asked if all were in favor and by unanimous vote all approved his election.

**Projects for Consideration**

Mr. Stephens presented the following Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), state and local capital improvement projects for consideration:

Ridgeland Airport	Amend Grant #13-004/Funding for Public Hearing & NEPA Requirements	State \$ 7,528	Total \$ 12,546
Marion County Airport	Terminal Building Improvements	State \$ 57,720	Total \$ 96,200
Rock Hill-York Co/Bryant Field	Apron Rehabilitation Construction	State \$103,301	Total \$2,066,029
Barnwell Regional Airport	Perimeter/Wildlife Fencing, Gates & Associated Tree Clearing	State \$ 32,002	Total \$ 761,088
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$200,551</b>	

**Chairman Gantt** made a Motion to approve the four (4) projects for state grant awards of \$200,551 as presented, seconded by **Commissioner Young**; and after discussion, all approved.

**SCAA Presentation**

Mr. Purcell, President of SCAA, gave a brief update. He stated that SCAA's planning committee for Aviation Week is meeting today. The Board will be meeting next week. SCAA has grown to over 600 members and the Passport Program has 350 participants presently with seven who have completed the Passport Program. Expectations for the Greenville Expo are high with quite a few vendors committing to attend as well as companies who wish to give presentations and demonstrations.

**Financial, Budget, & Executive Director's Reports**

Mr. Werts presented the financials, the Executive Director's Report, and the Flight Department Report. Mr. Werts announced that revenues are down. He stated he attended a meeting with the University of South Carolina/Moore School of Business and the SC Department of Commerce/Aerospace Task Force to discuss the Aerospace Economic Impact Study and the Aviation Dinner to be held Wednesday evening of Aviation Week. This will be a very large affair with several hundred invitees and will be held at the Columbia Convention Center. SCAC will be one of the sponsor/hosts. Mr. Werts gave a brief update on SCAC's Land Use Study with Woolpert concerning airspace infringements, obstacles, buildings, etc. at airports. Mr. Werts presented draft letters addressed to South Carolina's United States Senators and Representatives concerning Senate Bill S2103 and House Bill 3708, respectfully. He requested Commission's approval to send these letters. **Commissioner Waters** requested permission to pass the letter(s) by Mr. Bruce Landsberg to see if he can add anything pertinent before we complete the letters. Mr. Werts also mentioned that we are moving forward with the rewrite of the SCAC Grant Assurances and should have them ready for presentation at the next meeting.

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**District Reports**

**Commissioner Waters** – Thanked Mr. Werts for having the contractor fix the AWOS at Mt. Pleasant Airport so quickly when he called to say it was not working. Mr. Werts stated that SCAC owns 29 AWOSs around the state and that we had notified our Contractor that we were not satisfied with his performance of his contractual duties. Therefore, if any of you hear of problems with any of our AWOS systems, please let us know.

**Commissioner Young** – Stated that the deeds have been swapped out for the fencing project to precede at Barnwell County Airport. He then inquired if the rehabilitation project for Barnwell's runway, which was delayed, would proceed this year. Mr. Werts said it is scheduled for this summer either in July or August because this particular application requires hot weather.

**Vice Chairman Kappel** – Stated that everyone is looking forward to the Expo at Greenville Downtown in September. **Vice-Chairman Kappel** stated he felt last month's luncheon with the staff was great and now he knows everyone. He also stated that we need a larger/bigger disclaimer on the Aeronautical Chart when it is printed in 2015. Mr. Werts assured him would be done.

**Commissioner VanAntwerp** – Stated he went with Matt Baker on two (2) airport inspections and recommends the other Commissioners do so when they can.

**Commissioner Joye** – Has received good response from his letters to Commission Chairs about attending their Commission meetings and recently attended the Charleston County Aviation Association meeting in Charleston.

**Secretary Harmon** – Have had good responses to the letters to his commissions, also. He has been to Florence and discussed their need for a new General Aviation Terminal building, apron, and crossing area and they want SCAC to assist with these improvements. **Secretary Harmon** has also attended the Horry County Airport Advisory Committee meeting in Myrtle Beach.

**Presentation – Mr. Hodge**

Mr. Hodge stated he is working on the SCAC Grant Assurances in an effort to make them more extensive and to give them more specific requirements that comply with FAA Standards. In addition, the standards need to comply with the new Title 55 Land Use requirements and procedures. These rewritten Grant Assurances should be ready for the Commissioners review and approval at the May 22 meeting.

**New/Other Business**

The next meeting date is May 22, 2014 at the SCAC facility in West Columbia at 10:00 a.m.

**Executive Session**

**Chairman Gantt** made a Motion for the Commission to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. **Commissioner Young** seconded and all approved. Following the Executive Session, the Commission returned to open session and announced that no action was taken during Executive Session.

**Chairman Gantt** called the Commission meeting back in session with a quorum in attendance. The Commission announced that the Interim Director as of July 1, 2014 would be James Stephens.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, **Chairman Gantt** moved the meeting be adjourned, **Commissioner Waters** seconded, and all approved.

  
Gerald E. Harmon, M.D.  
Commission Secretary

  
Revé M. Richardson  
Commission Recording Secretary

  
Date

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Delphin A. Gantt, Jr.  
Commission Chairman

  
Matthew J. Kappel, Esq.  
Commission Vice-Chairman

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